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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that the number of diabetes patients in India is increasing day-by-day and has gone beyond 30 million and is likely to go to 57 million by the end of year 2025 as per World Health Organisation estimates;

(b) if so, the concrete steps taken/being taken by the Union Government;

(c) whether the Government have received some recommendations/suggestions for creating more awareness about the disease from the American Diabetes Association and International Diabetes Federation, Europe;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) According to Indian Council of Medical Research, there is epidemiological evidence showing increase in prevalence of diabetes, particularly in urban areas of the country. As per the WHOreport, there will be 57.2 million adults with diabetes in 2025. Various factors like population ageing, unhealthy diets, and obesity and sedentary life style are reportedly responsible for increase in diabetes mellitus. Public awareness in this regard is being increased through the use of electronic media, and health melas. Orientation training courses for health care professionals are also being held. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has also been entrusted with the responsibility of implementing the National Diabetes Control Programme.

(c) to (e) No information available.